

Letters to the Editor ...

Mad Cow Disease is Ancient

Hi, Duncan: The ABC 4 Corners TV show [23 April] demonstrated that although insecticides can damage prions, they do not cause a contagious type of damage that can be transferred to another animal. Prions damaged by insecticide cannot transfer that damage to another animal.

Manganese does replace copper in infected animals. The rich manganese in soils can accelerate that damage by supplying an abundance of manganese, which the disease will happily utilise, and may accelerate an already existing disease. But manganese does not cause the infection.

Petrol will fuel a fire—but unless there is already a fire, the petrol will not cause any fire. The Kuru in New Guinea happened where no insecticides were used.

This is an ancient disease. It is more likely to have come from outer space than from insecticides. Reason: no life form can withstand 600°C [1,112°F], yet CJD multiplies even after experiencing this temperature.

The mark of the beast has a new meaning.

Regards, Peter O., moonbeam@earthling.net

Thinking Outside the Square

Dear Duncan: I have been an avid NEXUS reader for about seven years now, and I want to congratulate you on an editing job that from my perspective has been excellent. Far from making me an anti-social paranoid, your magazine has provided and continues to provide an alternative viewpoint that really makes me think outside the square. As a third-year university student, I find this of particular value.

When I first began receiving your magazine as a 15-year-old, I believed that everything you published was so well researched that it had to be true. I have now reached a slightly more reasonable point in my life where I don't necessarily believe everything I read in NEXUS. In fact, I now use NEXUS the same way I do every other publication I read: as a valuable perspective on events in the world. Not fact, not fiction; just a perspective.

I hope you don't see this as a devaluation of NEXUS, because it

is much more valuable to me now than it could ever have been before.

Philip Doyle, pdoyle79@yahoo.com.au

Few Medical Studies on Garlic

Dear Duncan: I've trawled the PubMed papers for Garlic references for the entire 1970s and could not find a study relating to Stanford, which is given in Bob Beck's article already mentioned to you [see 8/02]. I also tried under Biofeedback and EEG, which starts at 1972, and could find nothing about garlic.

There is the problem that not all details are always given "on line", so the research could be elsewhere, or there's often "no abstract available" to say where something is being done or giving more detail. Even so, it's difficult to form an opinion on what has been said without any "evidence" to hand.

"A system for biofeedback conditioning of electroencephalographic activity" goes back to 1975; and "Detection of EEG abnormalities with feedback stimulation" (Mulholland, T., Benson, F., *Biofeedback Self-Regul.* 1976) says, "However, the feedback EEG method is not yet a proven diagnostic technique". So there's nothing to go on before that time, even. The early EEG and biofeedback work seems to have been predominantly on epilepsy, then alcoholism, drugs and some heart experiments.

The only mention of garlic and EEG was in a paper in *Int. J. Psychophysiol.* 1998 by G.N. Martin—"Human EEG response to olfactory stimulation: two experiments using the aroma of food". In the first experiment, garlic "smell" was tested on "synthetic" odours of chocolate, spearmint, almond, strawberry, vegetable, garlic, onion and cumin, and no odour was recorded from 19 electrodes in all EEG frequencies, delta, theta, alpha, beta-1 and beta-2.

In the second experiment, on the response to odour of real foods—chocolate, baked beans and rotting pork—chocolate odour was associated with significantly less theta activity than was any other stimulus. It is hypothesised that the alterations in theta reflect shifts in attention or cognitive load during olfactory perception, with a

reduction in theta indicating a reduced level of attention. Too busy feeling pleasure of the smell, perhaps? This neither proves nor disproves anything about garlic!

If you can help with finding out "evidence" for the garlic claims, I would be grateful, because to date the balance of research papers on garlic makes it one of the few natural things on offer that's a food medicine that can help people, e.g. against *H. pylori*, bacteria, viruses, etc. I'm not trying to discredit Beck—I want his stuff to be correct—but one can't just take anything as read without any hard evidence.

Sincerely, Helen Knowles, Helen@silvercrystal.freeserve.co.uk

Holy Grail & Bloodline of Jesus

I just want to say "Hats off to you!" Well done in putting out the Holy Grail bloodline of Jesus on the Web!

As a direct descendant of the Stuart/Stewart line of Kings and Queens, the Holy Grail bloodlines are a direct part of my family genealogy, and the "Templar Knights" a direct part of my heritage (my paternal grandfather was of the highest order of Knights Templars, and it is through his wife, my maternal grandmother, that we get our Royal Stewart heritage and lineage back to Jesus and Mary Magdalene).

Today, the names of Arthur, James, Joseph, John, Thomas, Maria (Mary), Anna, Alma (Hebrew Almah), still dominate the first names in my immediate family.

I am so glad that in this modern day and age of the Internet, the truth can finally be told! This is the new golden age of knowledge, and the truth can no longer be suppressed by churchianity.

Sincerely, Karen Vogel, Lassemissa@iopener.net

Hurricane Andrew Coincidences

Hello! First, I think your magazine is excellent. I am very grateful for the work you do and the courage you show.

Second, a question. In your editorial in 8/03 you say about the hurricane survivors: "...they were left to fend for themselves in an area that had become radioactive and overrun by primates which had

escaped from a nearby research lab." Unless I read poorly, I did not see anything in the article about primates from a nearby research lab. Did I miss something?

About Dade County: what is going on there? A couple things: the hurricane, the voting mess last year... Also—and please don't think I'm crazy—I read the Montauk Project books, which indicate the possibility of interdimensional activity going on in government experiments and in addition talk about the "metaphysical importance of August 23rd" in relation to Aleister Crowley and friends who performed a "working" to open that space. Then I see that Andrew landed August 24th and behaved like something not of this Earth.

I don't know what it all means, but it is too many coincidences for my taste.

All the best, Janet Brown, jbrownphd@yahoo.com

[*Dear Janet: Encounters with escaped primates are described in k. t. Frankovich's book, but we ran out of space to include a mention in her article. Also, I thought the significant Montauk date was August 12th. Ed.*]

Wondering about WingMakers

Dear Duncan: Articles on the subject of WingMakers have appeared in your magazine no less than four times now. I have read the articles and checked out the website, and it is, as you say, "intriguing stuff". Taking into account the amount of material that you review for publication in NEXUS, what part of the WingMakers' message strikes a chord in you?

For me, your editorial is the most valuable part of the magazine. I have never met or seen you, but value your opinion; and when you say look, I look. But WingMakers has me wondering why.

Still in the arena of other dimensions, I'm thinking about buying a Lifetools meditation device. I don't know if you have had any experience with them or any other alpha/theta-generating devices. What's your view or advice?

Thanks heaps, Darren, whipmtn@tsn.cc

[*Dear Darren: Lifetools has an excellent reputation. Ed.*]

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NB: Please keep letters to approx. 150 to 250 words in length. Ed.

Reading for Vampire-Slayers!

Hi, NEXUS: As a subscriber since almost the first issue, I thought it was time for me to contribute something.

I was watching tonight's *Buffy* episode, "Triangle" [1 May], and noticed a copy of NEXUS in one of the scenes. It was in Giles's magic shop and was only visible for less than a second, but the large heading was unmistakable.

Regards, Adrian Sheedy,
adrian@sheedy.com

Brazilian Healing: Another View

Dear Sir: I read the letter by Conan Mishler ["Healing Experience in Brazil", 8/03]. I, too, went to be healed after I read your very positive article. I travelled from the UK and spent three weeks there at the beginning of the year. I have hypertension/kidney failure. I must report that I felt no different, apart from having the good weather and complete lack of stress. I was told by the entity that I would be well, but have not so far seen the proof of this. I am continuing to search for other therapies that might help me, and am still positive.

I think that your readers should be aware of the balanced view, as Mr Mishler says. If we travel long distances, which takes a lot of time, in sometimes difficult conditions that may be detrimental to our health and with no insurance cover for our problem, we need to have an honest view of the likely success of our efforts. In addition, the money we spend on such a venture could possibly be used in some other more useful treatment.

I think you are obliged, as a responsible magazine, to publish alternative points of view so that readers can make up their own minds.

Yours faithfully, Otto Melbye,
Oxford, UK, otto@ntlworld.com

Garlic as Medicine, not Food

We initially found Bob Beck's comments that garlic has an adverse effect on brain function shocking as well [8/02]. As Bob explains on the tape, his discovery about garlic's effect on the brain was quite by accident when he was involved in brain research.

We have since learned, however, that some groups practising meditation discourage the use of garlic.

A Buddhist friend studying to be a monk told us he was asked to refrain from eating both garlic and onions—onions being in the same family. Another friend told us some yoga groups also discourage eating garlic, as it is believed to interfere with spiritual awareness.

Many people today experience what has become known as "brain fog". My daughter suffered from brain fog for years until she heard Bob Beck speak. When she eliminated garlic from her diet, she discovered her brain fog cleared. When she consumed garlic in her food, she would again experience brain fog.

In addition, a master herbalist in the US warns that we're now using many herbs that have excellent medicinal properties as common foods. For maximum effectiveness, medicinal herbs should only be used when needed. Since garlic does boost the immune system, we have come to the conclusion it may be one of those medicinal herbs that should not be used as part of our daily food intake.

Sincerely, Carole Punt, Oroville,
Washington, USA, <http://www.sharinghealth.com/>

Dr John Whitman Ray's Passing

Dear Duncan: Many of you will be as shocked as I was to learn of the death of Dr John Whitman Ray on 21 April 2001 in New Zealand. The founder of Body Electronics (BE), he will be sadly missed by many. In his lifetime, "Dr John" worked in several countries and helped thousands of people to recover from serious illnesses, many of them "terminal".

Five years ago I first contacted him through an advertisement in your magazine, as I was suffering from longstanding serious health problems and intense lower back pain due to a disc injury in 1989. Those who knew Dr John won't be surprised to learn that after going on his BE program, my [Helene's] health improved dramatically; those two problem discs regenerated in a very short space of time and the associated pain disappeared. I also watched my mother's health improve swiftly from a serious throat infection when she went on Dr John's program.

Dr John Whitman Ray had been living in Australia when, on 7 April, he left Australia with an overnight bag. He was heading off

to New Zealand for a day or two, just to renew his visa. We know he planned to return very quickly to Australia as he was scheduled to conduct a BE Intensive in Toowoomba, Queensland, over Easter. He had also planned to live in Toowoomba and run a natural health cancer clinic there in the near future.

So we, his friends, would like to know why he was detained at Brisbane Airport and then sent off with his visa stamped "Not permitted to return to Australia for three years". He subsequently found himself stranded in New Zealand with all his possessions left in Australia. He died two weeks later of a heart attack.

We cannot see how such a true pioneer in the natural health field, with his awe-inspiring track record and high standing (Prof. Dr Sir John Whitman Ray, BA, ND, DSc, NMD, CT, MT, CI, PhD, BC, DipN, MD (MA), DAc, FFIM, FWAIM, RM, BEINZ, SNTR, NZ Char. NMP, NPA, and winner of the *Pax Mundi* World Peace Award) could be treated in this manner.

We feel that a public inquiry should be held to ascertain why he was banned from Australia for three years by the Immigration Department, particularly in view of all the good, compassionate work he was doing. Does anyone else out there feel the same way? If you have any further information or would like to assist in getting some answers, please write to us at the address below.

Sincerely, Helene Minto and
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Eastern Australia Tsunami Alert

Hi, Duncan: Two years ago, my book *Violent Weather Predictions 2000-2001* was published, in which I gave dates for severe weather and seismic activity worldwide [see article and review, 7/02]. I prefaced these predictions by stating that not all of these events would happen, but some of them could well come to pass.

As a professional long-range weather forecaster and hurricane predictor, my work primarily involves working in astrometeorology, a field not yet recognised by science. The basis of this science involves studying the effects of sunspot activity, resultant solar

flares and the combined influences of the Sun, Moon and planets in angular relationship to each other on Earth's magnetosphere, in turn affecting terrestrial weather patterns and the molten interior of our planet. Our solar system and galaxy are part of one huge electromagnetic machine; everything in it is interdependent, interrelated and interactive.

The reason for my writing to NEXUS now is to forewarn people living near the east coast of Australia—particularly from Bundaberg, Queensland, to northern New South Wales—of a strong possibility that a powerful tremor may strike between June 12 to 21 this year.

My concern is not based on a professional observation alone—i.e., that the Sun, Moon and planets will be affecting the east coast, along with the solar eclipse falling on the winter solstice—but also stems from a powerful vision I had almost 20 years ago.

The vision was of the east coast of Australia where I saw a giant tsunami, around 100 feet [30.5 metres] high, sweeping hundreds of people out to sea. The vision was so graphic that I tried to pull myself out of it; and as I did so, I saw a huge white-robed arm of God extended outward from elbow to fingertips, pointing to a solar eclipse at 0 degrees of Cancer. The whole thing was so terrifying that I wanted to erase it from my memory.

I had bought a book on planetary phenomena, giving the degrees of the solar eclipses from 1700 to 2050, and was astounded to find that there hadn't been a solar eclipse at that degree in 300 years. The only one coming in my lifetime was due on June 21, 2001. The next one, 2020.

It is possible that the June 12–21 period could bring another round of mega solar flares, which could further intensify severe weather and seismic activity. A tremor of sizeable magnitude could well raise a tsunami.

In closing, I would like to say that neither visions nor predictions are absolute and may never come to pass. However, it is far better to be prepared for something that may never happen, than not to be prepared for something that will.

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